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ICC is grant partner with MSU

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College celebrated with Mississippi State University and several partners, Nov. 22, at the Belden Center the kick-off of a nearly \$2 million project to accelerate job creation and encourage reshoring of advanced manufacturing jobs that have moved overseas.

The U.S. Department of Labor recently announced that the university and its partners will be awarded \$1,931,935 out of \$20.5 million in total grant awards around the country to fund reshoring projects.

Led by the university's Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems Extension Center in Canton, the multi-partner MSU proposal outlines a "Make it in Mississippi" program to become one of the leading answers to the economic development challenge.

Clay Walden, CAVS Extension director and principal investigator of the grant, said the program consists of key stakeholders working in partnership to



Dr. Mark Keenum, president of Mississippi State University, expresses appreciation to Make it in Mississippi program partners including Mike Eaton, president of Itawamba Community College, far left.

fulfill distinct yet complementary scopes of work. In addition to MSU, program participants include selected community colleges, workforce investment boards,

Innovate Mississippi and the Mississippi Development Authority. — *See GRANT, page 9.*



Four ICC sophs chosen for state honors

WILL WELLS

Staff Writer

Four Itawamba Community College sophomores have been selected as members of the Mississippi All-Academic Team.

They include Tupelo Campus nominees John Verner of Booneville and Neyda Sandoval of Ecru and Fulton Campus nominees Sarah Guess of Hamilton and Canary Brooks of Shannon.

To qualify, students must have had at least a 3.5 grade point average and a minimum of 30 credit hours by this month. The recognition is also based on service to the community.

They will be eligible to compete for the All-USA Community College Academic Team scholarship, the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team scholarship and the Coca-Cola New Century Scholars scholarship.

From among all nominees in the nation, 20 students are selected to the national team. Each receives a \$2,500 stipend and medallion and are featured in *USA Today*.

Phi Theta Kappa, two-year college presidents and community college state associations co-sponsor the All-State Academic Team recognition programs in 32 states.

They will be recognized at a team selection luncheon, Mar. 5, 2014, at 11:20 a.m.

Whitworth selected Most Beautiful 2014

Top, Logan Whitworth, center, was selected as ICC's Most Beautiful 2014 from among 40 contestants at the conclusion of the Dec. 3 pageant. The top five includes, from left, Cristina Forrester, third; Haven Massey, second; Whitworth; Alicia Tubb, first; and Patience Campbell, fourth. Right, The audience applauds Whitworth immediately after her crown was presented by Buddy Collins, vice president of Student Services.



It's our job: to connect with university of transfer

It's that time of the semester where advising should be wrapping up and students should have started, if not already finished, signing up for classes.

However, did you know that it's also a great time to talk to the university where you plan to transfer?

Many students don't stop to think about whether or not the university where they plan to transfer has special class requirements. For

example, the University of Mississippi requires two level 200 or more Spanish classes to graduate with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts.

Each university has its own requirements to graduate and each type of degree has its own requirements as well.

Most advisers contact the university to double check that their students are taking the correct classes and that each class they take will transfer, but it's really the student's responsibility to do so.

I don't know of any students who would like to be classified as a super sophomore.

Another positive of checking with the university is that you get a heads up on what classes you would need to take to graduate from there with your degree. For example, if a student were to take all of his/her core classes at ICC, the only classes left for taking at the university are the ones directly fitted for the major.

ICC also has smaller class sizes than the universities. Therefore, because of more personal attention, there's an opportunity for better grades to transfer to the university.

As the classes move closer to a degree, the class size usually shrinks to give students more hands-on assignments to prepare them for a job in their related field.

So, getting all of the core classes out of the way at ICC in a smaller classroom setting would mean moving to higher classes with fewer students with whom to compete.

So, if you haven't already, it's time to get going. As they say, "The early bird gets the worm."

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STUDENT VOICES

How do you study for exams?



LAUREN COUMAN
Fulton
"Flashcards."



MALCOLM WILLIAMS
Tremont
"Study old notes."



KRISTA METZGER
Bruce
"For US history, I watched School House rock videos and passed."



DALON MOORE
Columbus
"The Success Center."



BRITTANY WHITE
Tupelo
"Cram."



MJ SHIRLEY
Columbus
"The football team goes to the study tables at the Student Success Center."

The opinion poll was conducted by Solomon Ivy.

Viewpoint



'I almost didn't attend ICC'

When the time came for me to go to college, I threw a fit and begged my parents to not make me go to ICC.

I didn't want to come to school here, and I most definitely didn't want to live here.

I dreamed of going straight to a big university.

I believed that a community college was a waste of my time and that not many people who attained success in the corporate world started at ICC.

But then I realized that I knew a few people who started at ICC and who are now successful in their lives and careers.

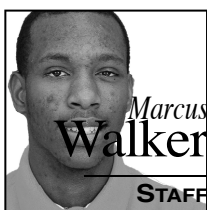
Take Thomas Pierce of Amory, for example. He majored in physical education at Itawamba Junior College where he attended from 1953-57. He became a football coach and principal in Aberdeen and Decatur, Ala. and was elected to the Mississippi Coaches Hall of Fame in 1997.

In my family, William H. Lamar attended IJC from 1958-60. Now a CPA, he owns his own firm in Tupelo.

The photos in the gallery in the lobby of the David C. Cole Student Services building of those who have been selected as Alumnus of the Year and inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame throughout the College's history further document the success of students who have had their best start at IJC/ICC. — **See JORDIN, page 9.**

What is the key to college success?

Viewpoint



Marcus Walker
STAFF

"What must I do to achieve college success?"

I'm sure that this question is frequently considered by college students everywhere; however, there is no straightforward answer.

There are many keys to college success, and among them is eating healthy.

The average student is often pressed for time, under a lot of pressure and eats on-the-go.

It's easy to form bad habits such as skipping a meal or constantly eating at fast food restaurants.

This type of behavior can take a great toll on the human body by decreasing stamina and energy.

Eating healthy, preferably three times a day, not only helps the body perform better, but helps the brain function to its full potential.

Here are some good tips to help you get started...

Eat breakfast. Start the day off right with a nice warm and healthy meal to awaken your

brain from its regenerative nap. Studies have shown that eating a balanced and nutritious breakfast provides the mind with the energy it needs to function throughout the morning.

Drink water, not soda. Drinking plentiful portions of water can help you hydrate, enhance your concentration and boost your immune system.

Don't skip meals. Being a college student means being on-the-go constantly. However, don't let that poor excuse define your health. Take time and schedule to eat a meal three times a day.

Eat fruits and vegetables.

— I know it may seem difficult to cram those bright delicious treats down your throat, but understand that fruits and vegetables contain vitamins and minerals that the body needs to function. With that being said, set the playing field for your brain to excel. — **See SUC - CESS, page 9.**



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55 ICC sophomores selected for Who's Who recognition

Staff Reports

Fifty-five Itawamba Community College students have been selected to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. They include

Aberdeen — Emily E. Earnest, Mary Elizabeth Jones, Jody B. Williams, Jerrie N. Kendrick, Delores Schrock, Crystal Conaway;

Amory — Amanda C. Segovia, Gregory L. Hadley, Reagan Livingston, Ridgeland C. Dabbs;

Baldwyn — Anna Katherine Letson, Megan C. Lyons;

Belden — Ethan Reed Park;

Blue Springs — Trevor K. Hood, Patience Campbell;

Booneville — Alan Kennedy;

Cherokee, Ala. — Jessica L. Reid;

Ethel — William Blake Trehern;

Fulton — Beverly R. McDowell, Juel A. Stanley, Bethany J. Timmons, Andrea Senter;

Golden — Leslie Anne Robinson;

Guntown — Laura Starling;

Hamilton — Austin C. Nevins, Sarah G. Guess;

Houlka — Shelby R. Edwards;

Houston — Zachary M.

Wilkinson;

Lamar — Kirby D. Jones;

Mantachie — Betsy M. Kingsley;

Marietta — Brianna L. Barnes;

Mooreville — Christopher R. Robinson;

Myrtle — Benjamin Whisenant;

New Albany — Maria L. Solis;

Oliver Branch — Randall L. Brown;

Plantersville — Michael S. Bumphis;

Pontotoc — Hart E. Robbins, Aaron B. Jenkins, Victoria Tackitt;

Randolph — Cheston B. Crawford;

Ripley — Antonio D. Arnett;

Saltillo — Torie Makel Hutchins, Eva Missy Dawson;

Shannon — Christopher L. Hill;

Starkville — Michael R. Brand, Tory J. Rice;

Tremont — Leah L. Pharr;

Tupelo — Donald Griff Loftis, Kelli Nicole Spearman, Lynn M. Dunnam, Martin D. Kelly, Ashleigh N. Kelley, Sarah Trent;

Vardaman — Ladeidra Douglas; and

Verona — Justin A. Stevens.

ICC's nominees were selected by faculty and staff on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses based on their academic success, leadership abilities and volunteer efforts. They join an elite group of students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been recognized in the annual directory since it was first published in 1966,

ICC students will be featured in the 2014 edition of the *Mirror*, the college yearbook.



Marty Cooper, director of the PACE program, celebrates after being named Top Turkey, during the kick-off for the Community College Completion Corps, C4, initiative. Cooper collected the most money the week prior to the event to earn the title. A pledge signing opportunity for both faculty and staff in March will conclude a series of promotional events that will be scheduled for the spring semester.

ICC kicks off C4 initiative

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College is embarking on a new initiative to assist its students in completing their degree.

Phi Theta Kappa and the Advising Center are partnering in the Community College Completion Corps, or C4, a statewide student-led, campus-based effort to increase student success by informing all students about the benefits of completing a credential/degree and the consequences of not. Since its inception in 2011, hundreds of thousands of community college students have pledged to Commit to Complete — accepting responsibility for completing their credential/degree and promising to help at least one other student complete.

According to PTK Upsilon Sigma co-advisor Heather McCormick, C4 is an expansion of ICC's "Graduation...It

Matters!" initiative, which began in 2011 to improve graduation, retention and persistence.

As part of C4, both students and faculty members will be encouraged to sign commitment pledges. The student pledge includes a commitment to plan for college completion, discuss career planning, seek advisement on course selection, learn about and use college support networks and resources, serve as a role model with class attendance, reach out to students in need with encouragement and help at least one other student succeed, McCormick noted.

The Completion Champions pledge for administrators, faculty and staff members is a commitment to change the college culture from access to student success and college completion. Other areas include engagement in development opportunities focused

on evidence-based educational practice, the creation of a positive learning environment and assist students by mentoring, encouraging and guiding them toward college completion.

A kick-off event was Nov. 20 at the Crane Pavilion on the Fulton Campus. It included the announcement of ICC's Top Turkey winner, Marty Cooper, who collected the most money, which will be used for PTK projects, the week prior to the event. Others who competed for the title include Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch, Edana Nail, Mary Sue Boggs, Marty Cooper, Chris Stevenson, Nathan Ward, Bobby Jarrell, Timothy Ross, Karen Davis and Dr. Bronson Prochaska.

McCormick said that the pledge signing is scheduled for early March and that additional activities will continue to promote C4.

Tull: 'Relationships are part of teaching'

OLIVIA WILLIAMS

Staff Writer

Walking into her classroom, students find a teacher positioned by her whiteboard, marker at the ready and greeting them with a smile unless they are late.

Computer science teacher and department chair, Delores Tull, is a solid figure in the Technical Education Building at the Fulton Campus, having taught there for 25 years.

Growing up in an age where not even high school students had access to computer technology, Tull received a little early exposure from her father, who was a bit of a techie, always tinkering with computers at home. Being thus inspired and excited for the rapid advances in the up and coming field of computer science, she pursued an education and

earned her master's degree from Ole Miss in the spring of 1990.

Though she had original plans to go straight into industry after completing her degree, Tull experienced the teacher's side of life when she taught a couple of classes as a graduate assistant and discovered that was what she wanted to do.

While finishing her master's degree, she heard of an available teaching position, jumped at the opportunity and landed at ICC.

Apparently she has a knack for the job since she has been the recipient of several awards over the years including the Lamplighter award, for which she was nominated by the dean of Academic Instruction, and



D. Tull

the Meritorious Achievement award, a peer nomination.

But, prestigious awards are not the only gratification that is a result from the job. "I call it the 'Aha!' moment, when you can tell that a student gets it...when a student understands, that's my favorite part," Tull said, smiling at the thought. "I also love hearing from my students after they leave here; there's nothing like getting those emails that say, 'Thanks for teaching me what you taught me. I'm able to use what I learned here'...that's reinforcement."

Not only do the Dean and her peers regard Tull highly, her stu-

dents do as well. "She is able to take the abstract concepts of computer science and bring them down to earth, something any student can appreciate," students agree. "She runs her classes with patience, a positive attitude and a touch of wit, all things that students value."

And Tull values them as well. She keeps up-to-date with what's trending along with the latest slang. "I want to be in-the-know so I can communicate with my students...I learned what trolling meant this semester," she laughs. "I think relationships with students are important...some people say 'I wouldn't even have a relationship with my students, I would just teach and be done,' but I think that'd be awfully dull," she said. "In my mind, relationships are part of teaching."

BOOK BUYBACK

Fall 2013

Only locations....

Fulton Campus — Student Activities Center

Tupelo Campus — Student Services Building

PROCEDURES

- 1. Students MUST present a current student ID or driver's license before selling any books.**
- 2. Students will be only allowed to sell back books for classes which appear on their schedule. No one will be allowed to sell another student's books.**
- 3. Copies of your schedule will be printed for you at the first station of the book buyback each time you visit. Once you receive your schedule and your visit has been recorded, you must sell the books selected at that time on that visit.**
- 4. You will receive a receipt for the amount of your books. Any balance owed in the Business office will then be deducted from the amount of the book refund. The remainder will then be delivered based on the designation of your HigherOne account.**

This includes:

 - a. HigherOne will mail a check to the student's designated address.**
 - b. HigherOne will deposit the money into the student's designated account, or**
 - c. HigherOne will apply the money to the student's HigherOne card.**
- 5. BOOK THIEVES WILL BE ARRESTED AND PROSECUTED.**

DATES

Monday, December 9	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Tuesday, December 10	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Wednesday, December 11	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Thursday, December 12	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday, December 13	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Campus
calendar of events

'13
December

Final Exams Begin
(Through Friday,
December 13) **10**

16 Traditional Grades Due

Offices Close for the
Holiday, 4:30 p.m. **20**

'14
January

6 Offices Open, 8 a.m.

Open Registration **9**

10 Open Registration

Traditional
Day/eLearning Classes
Begin **13**

14 Last Day to Add
eLearning Classes

Last Day to Add
Traditional Classes **17**

20 Martin Luther King
Holiday

DAY EXAM SCHEDULE

Period	Time	Day	Date
B/BB	8-10:15	Tues	Dec. 10
K	10:30-12:45	Tues	Dec. 10
L	1-3:15	Tues	Dec. 10
H	3:30-5:45	Tues	Dec. 10
C/CC	8-10:15	Wed	Dec. 11
M	10:30-12:45	Wed	Dec. 11
O	1-3:15	Wed	Dec. 11
A/AA	8-10:15	Thurs	Dec. 12
E/DD	10:30-12:45	Thurs	Dec. 12
N	1-3:15	Thurs	Dec. 12
D	8-10:15	Fri	Dec. 13
F	10:30-12:45	Fri	Dec. 13
G/EE	1-3:15	Fri	Dec. 13

After-Work/Evening Classes Schedule
available on ICC's website....
www.iccms.edu

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Teaira Hill

Students should check financial aid options

CHEYENNE WALKER
Staff Writer

Financial aid is one of the most important benefits for college students not only as they begin but also as they complete their education.

It can cover books, tuition and meal plans, according to Nima Bailey of the Financial Aid office at ICC-Tupelo.

The different financial aid types include grants, federal and state aid, scholarships, loans and earning money through the Work-Study program.

However, Bailey said that all of the options won't be available for the 2014 spring semester. Students cannot apply for state aid for the spring semester.

County guaranteed tuition is considered after all federal and state and scholarship amounts are applied to ensure that tuition is paid for four semesters, Bailey explained.

"Some counties in the future are looking for a change in that,



Nima Bailey assists a student with a financial aid application at the Tupelo Campus in this file photo.

but there is no final decision yet," Bailey noted. "You have to apply in August."

Work-Study is need-based on the student's FAFSA. "Right now we won't know what jobs are open," she said. "It depends on if a student graduated early or has decided he or she doesn't want to work in the spring."

Currently there are no openings for students who want to

apply for Work-Study, but there may be openings in January and if so, those slots will be filled. There is no deadline to apply for grants. The deadline for student loans is Apr. 1.

For more information on financial aid, students should check ICC's website, www.iccms.edu and click on Financial Aid. The FASFA website is www.Fasfa.gov.



Fulton Campus Phi Theta Kappa co-advisor Heather McCormick watches the scale during the "food weigh-in" as the conclusion of the Food for Families competition with Northeast Mississippi Community College. ICC won the challenge with a collection of more than 6,000 pounds. The food collected will be distributed in Itawamba County.

ICC schedules QuickConnect Sessions are next week

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has scheduled QuickConnect sessions next week.

The sessions are scheduled for Dec. 10 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Dec. 12 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Student Support Center (formerly the Health Occupations Building) at the Tupelo Campus and in the Student Services Building at the Fulton Campus.

The come-and-go sessions are designed for high school or GED graduates, adult learners and transfer

students, according to Emily Tucker, co-coordinator of the event.

"The sessions are mini-orientations and will include both vital information and class registration," Tucker said. In addition, students will receive their ID cards.

Participants on both campuses will have an opportunity to visit with financial aid representatives, and those on the Fulton Campus can receive information on student housing. No preregistration is necessary.

ICC beats NEMCC in food challenge

Staff Reports

ICC has defeated Northeast, but this time it wasn't on the football field or the basketball court.

ICC collected 6,106 pounds to win the Food for Families competition with Northeast, which collected 2,931 pounds of food.

"Due to recent layoffs in our area, a nervous economy and the cost of living continuing to climb, our local food pantries are seeing more and more families in need of assistance," said Dr. Bronson Prochaska, director of Student Success and organizer of the food drive.

Prochaska said that she certified/signed up 10 new families for assistance at the food pantry the day after the competition ended. "And as we were distributing the canned food donated by ICC, I couldn't help but be awed by the generosity of those who worked tirelessly to make this canned food drive a success. A very special thanks to Phi Theta Kappa, Student Government Associations, faculty and staff from all ICC locations, Maintenance and Grounds departments and the ICC cheerleaders. You made a huge difference in the lives of many in north Mississippi."

GRANT

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“The strength of our proposal was the strength of our partnerships,” Walden said.

Specifically, ICC, East Mississippi Community College, Holmes Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College, Three Rivers Planning and Development District and South Delta Planning and Development District are playing critical workforce development roles.

The award is part of the “Make it in America Challenge” made possible through the Commerce Department’s Economic Development Administration, the Labor Department’s Employment and Training Administration and the Delta Regional Authority.

Programs are designed to encourage U.S. companies to keep, expand or reshore their manufacturing operations in America and to entice foreign companies to build facilities to make their products in the U.S.

MSU President Mark E. Keenum said the three-year effort will focus strongly on both returning jobs to the U.S. and keeping advanced manufacturing jobs in the state.

“We are pleased that the U.S. Department of Labor has recognized the effectiveness of MSU’s relationships with key economic development and workforce training partners in accelerating job creation and encouraging the reshoring of advanced manufacturing jobs,” Keenum said. “Keeping and expanding opportunities in the U.S. and bringing back jobs lost overseas are vital to any effort aimed at strengthening our economy.”

ICC President Mike Eaton said Itawamba Community College is excited to be a partner in the Reshoring Team.

“This significant grant will enable all of us as stakeholders in the ‘Make it in Mississippi’ program to meet the challenge of reshoring through a strong focus on addressing the needs of advanced manufacturing not only in our region, but also statewide,” Eaton said.

The program will focus on manufacturers including, but not limited to, furniture and automotive.

MSU’s Franklin Furniture Institute will lead program efforts to work with the furniture industry cluster. North Mississippi is a world leader in the production of upholstered furniture.

This program will target the development of advanced manufacturing technicians in high demand by industry. James Williams, vice president of economic and community services at ICC, said the program will expand a highly successful intern program and will accelerate the development of critical manufacturing skills across the region.

The Reshoring Initiative is the only non-Mississippi entity involved, Walden said. He said Harry Moser of the Reshoring Initiative is the nation’s leading expert on reshoring jobs to the U.S. and is an endorser and participant in MSU’s program.

Included in the program is a series of listening sessions as well as the connection of small- and medium-sized manufacturing enterprises with competitive technologies not commonly available.

Employment Training Administration funding will enable the community college partners to establish a six-week internship program with cooperating advanced manufacturers. Walden explained that this program will fund 276 internships with a targeted 85 percent placement rate.



ICC students who live in the residence halls are reminded that if they are not returning in the spring, check out is necessary.

Time for exam study

NICHOLAS SCHROCK
Staff Writer

It’s getting down to crunch time for exams, and every student is starting to wonder, “how in the world do I study for this?”

To help, Dr. Bronson Prochaska, director of Student Success at Itawamba Community College, has a few tips.

“Organizing, planning and time management are skills essential to being a successful student,” Prochaska said. “Read assignments, listen during lectures and take good notes in class.”

Next, a person should plan ahead, scheduling review periods well in advance.

There are three kinds of review, Prochaska said. The smallest is daily — conduct short before-and-after lecture reviews of the notes covered that day. Next, are weekly reviews — a person should dedicate one hour every week to studying a subject. Last but not least, are major reviews. They should start the week before exams, and a person should study the most difficult subjects first and slowly work their way down to the easiest. In these major reviews, Prochaska said, a person should be prepared to study for 2-5 hours with several sufficient breaks.

On exam day, Prochaska advised, a person should be sure to arrive early and be organized. “Pay attention to verbal directions as tests are handed out, and read over each section of the test, noting the amount of points each part of the exam is worth and estimate the time needed for each question.”

Before starting to work, the student should write down any formulas, memory aids, equations or anything else that is important in the margins of the test, Prochaska said.

For an exam schedule, see page 5.

No dorm checkout necessary for returning students

HOPE GILLESPIE
Staff Writer

As the fall semester winds down, it is almost time for students to leave the residence halls.

Those students who are returning in the spring should ensure that they take with them the items that they will need during Christmas break because they will not be reopened until after the holidays, according to Chad Case, director of Housing.

Students who are not returning to ICC in the spring should check out, Case said.

Checking out includes removing all personal items from the room, cleaning it and finding a resident assistant to sign the check-out papers and return the key. Not checking out properly will result in the resident’s forfeiture of the \$50 deposit and an additional \$25 for having the room rekeyed.

If a student does not

check out or retrieve his or her belongings, the items become the property of ICC and will be donated to non-profit charitable organizations.

For more information, contact the Housing office, which is located on the second floor of the David C. Cole Student Services building at the Fulton Campus or email Case at cgcase@iccms.edu.

SUCCESS

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Drink moderately. Drink responsibly. College students are stereotyped for their partying and drinking, but you don’t have to be a part of that statistic. Instead of “chugging the beers,” grab a bottle of juice to quench your thirst. By doing so, you can avoid the hassle of hangovers and other negative

effects that beer does to the body.

Substitute for junk food. When going to the grocery store, substitute good food for junk food. Reduce your intake of fattening cakes, and stock your apartment or residence hall room with healthy treats. Being surrounded by healthy snacks makes it much easier

to convert to them.

Take vitamins. If you feel that you have tried eating healthy and it’s not quite working, take a daily vitamin to ensure your health and keep you free of illness.

It just could be your key to college success.

JORDIN

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For example, there are bank executives such as Buddy Montgomery of Pontotoc; legislators such as Jack Gordon, Pud Graham and Bill Miles; mayors such as Thomas Griffith and William Noel Morris Jr.; highway commissioner Zack Stewart; judges such as Mike Mills and Kenneth Coleman and industrialists such as Larry Homan, Johnny Crane and Hassell Franklin. In addition, there are successful business owners, health executives, educators, ministers and a host of

others pictured there who have attained the highest honor that ICC conveys.

Among the athletes are Bud and Buster Davis, for whom the Davis Event Center is named, and who achieved success both as athletes and business professionals; ICC President Mike Eaton, athletic director Carrie Ball-Williamson and women’s basketball coach Nanci Gray; and professional athletes and coaches Jimmy Walden, Tim Bowens, Ernest Dye and Jason Ferguson.

Ferguson, who was inducted into ICC’s AHOF in 2012 attended ICC in 1994-95. He earned NJCAA All-American status after recording 88 tackles. In 1997, he was selected in the seventh round of the NFL Draft by the New York Jets. After eight seasons, he went on to play for the Dallas Cowboys and then to the Miami Dolphins.

My point is no matter your major, your success story is beginning at ICC.

We all have the opportunity to be doctors, teachers, nurses,

lawyers or even a journalist as I aspire to be.

ICC helps us to transfer to universities or to enter the workforce in a job that offers a competitive wage.

The teachers here at ICC help us not only succeed in our classes but help us with our direction in life.

I’m glad I came to ICC, where I can have an opportunity to achieve greatness. How about you?

Meeting Room Club News&Calendar

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Fulton Campus		
Art Club	Shawn Whittington	862.8301
Chieftain (newspaper)	Donna Thomas	862.8244
Collegiate DECA	Jodi McCrimon	862.8144
Computer Science Club	Bradley Howard	862.8140
Diversity Club	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
	Dana Hale	862.8126
ENACTUS	Joe Williams	862.8057
	Edana Nail	862.8056
Film Club	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
Forestry Club	Emily Loden	862.8147
Future Edu. of America	Chris Stevenson	862.8169
Indian Delegation	Emily Tucker	862.8253
Mirror (yearbook)	Kim Williams	862.8242
MS Early Child. Assn.	Carol Bishop	862.8136
Modern Language Club	Jolene Hoots	862.8162
Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)	Jolene Hoots	862.8162
	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
	Dr. Ashley Lancaster	862.8326
Photography Club	Kim Williams	862.8242
Political Science Club	Dr. Clint Boals	862.8151
Projections	Dr. Ken Bishop	862.8161
Science Club	Jennifer Cooper	862.8368
	Beth Campbell	862.8372
	Denise Rakestraw	862.8371
Student Gov. Assn.	Buddy Collins	862.8271

Tupelo Campus		
American Sign Lang.	Nikki Martin	620.5038
Comp. Prog./Net. Assn.	Tanya Cox	620.5114
Future Rad. Technol.	Paul Crum	620.5233
Hlth Occ. Students Assn.	Lori Little	620.5122
Indian Delegation	Allyson Cummings	620.5279
Phi Beta Lambda	Charlotte Overby	620.5129
Phi Theta Kappa	Dr. Janae Hagan	620.5034
	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Betsy White	620.5033
	Judith Griffie	620.5052
Nurs. Christian Fellow.	Dr. Earnest Agnew	620.5208
Respiratory Therapy	James Newell	620.5237
Student PTA Club	Dr. Tom Hester	620.5027
Student Gov. Assn.	Cynthia Adams	620.5305
Stu. Hlth Info.Mgmt.	Donna Vaughn	620.5123
OTA	Suzanne Chittom	620.5028
Student Nursing Assn.	Robin Phillips	620.5222

Fine Arts Performing		
All-Amer. Band	Brian Gillentine	862.8305
Brass Ensemble	Dr. Cass Patrick	862.8313
CenterStage	Karen Davis	862.8306
Chamber Singers	Karen Davis	862.8306
Concert Band	Dr. Cass Patrick	862.8313
Concert Choir	Karen Davis	862.8306
Jazz Ensemble	Dr. Cass Patrick	862.8313
Percussion Ensemble	Dr. Cass Patrick	862.8313
Symphonic Band	Dr. Cass Patrick	862.8313
Woodwind Ensemble	Dr. Cass Patrick	862.8313

Religious Opportunities		
Baptist Student Union	Chris Burrows	862.3278
FultonEDGE	John Wayne Harris	
Fellow. of Christ. Ath.	Nanci Gray	862.8420
Wesley Foundation	John Foster	
WIRED Student Minis.	Michelle Milner	862.8361

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for membership opportunities.



Early Childhood event benefits St. Jude

Kullen Davis of Fulton is among 42 participants in the ICC Early Childhood Education Trike-A-Thon, Oct. 25, at the Fulton Campus. Riders raised \$2,573 to benefit children who need treatment or other services at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. ICC has raised \$23,116 since the program began its participation in the Trike-A-Thon.

Graduation still matters at ICC

HOPE GILLESPIE

Staff Writer

In 2011, Itawamba Community College launched a "Graduation....It Matters!" initiative as part of a renewed emphasis on student success.

As the end of the fall semester approaches, students should turn their attention to being on track to earn an associate's degree or certificate.

Students who plan to transfer and begin the spring semester at a four-year college should apply to graduate or remember that if they still lack hours, they can complete those hours at the university-level and transfer them back to ICC to complete the requirements for the degree, according to Cay Lollar, registrar/director of admission.

Graduation matters because students have an increased earning capacity if they have a college degree.

During their time at ICC, students must maintain close contact with their adviser, who will ensure that they are on track to graduate by taking the courses that will apply to their major as well as the core that ICC requires.

A maximum of 63 hours, which is a combination of the core and the major courses, is required for the associate's degree.

GED testing continues

Staff Reports

The high school equivalency (GED) test will be given at the ICC Belden Center Dec. 9, 11, 13, 16, 18 and 20, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Prior to testing, all persons not enrolled in an ICC-sponsored ABE/GED class will be required to participate in a preregistration/orientation session held each Tuesday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m. or from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Belden Center. Attendance at both of the sessions is required.

The current version of the GED test will end on Dec. 31. No scores from the current version of the GED test will carry over to the 2014 test, which begins Jan. 1.

Those who need to retest should call (662) 407-1510 immediately.

Out and about....



A day at ICC Memorial

Under the direction of Associate Degree Nursing instructor Tracey Ramey, right, student John Porter administers medication to a pretend patient at ICC Memorial, a pretend hospital, for clinicals for two days prior to going to a real clinical setting. ICC Memorial is located in the Health Science Education Center nursing lab at the Tupelo Campus. It is part of the curriculum for Fundamentals of Nursing.

Sign up today for ICC ALERT

From Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College continues to provide a mass notification system called ICC ALERT, and with winter weather and class closure a possibility, participation is encouraged.

Students, faculty and staff are urged to participate in the free service, according to Buddy Collins, vice president of Student Services.

"The system enables the College to inform students, faculty and staff of any emergencies or imminent danger situations," Collins said.

"The system is secure and will be used for emergency

situations and periodic testing."

Last January we utilized the system in inclement weather situations when

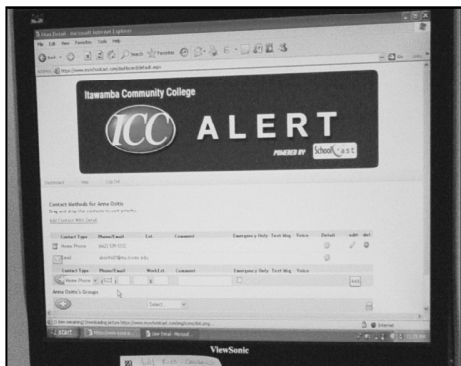
classes were closed due to snow and icing conditions, Collins said.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC

ALERT, which includes severe weather and school closures:

1. Log on to the "GO2ICC" portal using your user name and password.
2. Click on the "ICC ALERT" tab.
3. Log into the system using your same user name and password.
4. You are now at your dashboard and can provide the contact information to receive messages.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or TIS_support@iccms.edu.



Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in ICC ALERT.

UPCOMING Music&Arts

Art shows set for spring

OLIVIA WILLIAMS

Staff Writer

Itawamba Community College's art department is finalizing its gallery exhibit schedule for the 2014 spring semester.

Chadwick Grimes of Tupelo, ICC alumnus, will start the semester with his collection of allegorical artwork. Grimes has studied with Odd Nerdrum, a figurative painter from Norway.

Next will be the high school juried art competition in which students from Lee, Pontotoc and Itawamba counties will display their work.

ICC art instructor Shawn Whittington called the exhibit "a good recruitment tool for the art department, and it gives high school students a little exposure to art in competition."

Concluding the semester will be ICC's juried art competition, which will be limited to ICC students but cover any type of media. Cash awards will be presented to the top three winners selected by an out-of-state jury.

In concert



Members of the steel drum band perform in concert recently in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium. The performance was one of a series presented by the Fine Arts Division before the end of the semester.



CenterStage entertains a full house during its Nov. 7 fall show, "Olde, New, Borrowed, Blue."

CenterStage delivers flawless performance

JORDAN ROBBINS

Staff Writer

This year's CenterStage opened to a full house on Nov. 7 in spectacular fashion presenting its fall show, "Olde, New, Borrowed, Blue."

Beginning from the dark, the instrumental band began the tunes and the cast ambushed everyone as the members entered the side doors to start the opening number in the walkways.

From thereon the show seemed to flow effortlessly through songs and eyebrow-raising choreography.

Accompanied by solos from Molly May and Kendall Green, the entire cast performed harmonically and seemed to move about the stage elegantly as a whole.

With cheers from the crowd seeming to roar after each song, the show wrapped up as the cast bowed out and the audience erupted with applause.

Though the show seemed to go as planned, it didn't all just fall into place. Aside from performers, it takes many people behind the scenes to make this magical show come together.

At the end of the night, the fall show was a success, a crowd-pleaser and just a taste of more shows to come.

The cast who includes Summer Adams, Kaquan Braylock, Markel Brooks, Tracee Brooks, Raymond Brown, Kelsey Collins, Jake Cosby, Matthew Crocker, Jonathan Dailey, Olivia Dunnam, Courtney Gansman, Kendall Green, Melanie Greenhaw, Brittany Gusmus, Anna Claire Harwell, Jeremy Jones, Molly May, Kristy McNair, Blake Miller, Kelly Pratt, Kaitlyn Renfroe, Jason Roberts, Justin Rumsey, Ben Schaefer, Tra'Shawn Standifer, all performed amazingly in the show opener.

Gallery features work of Amory native Ortiz

Staff Reports

The work of Wesley Ortiz of Memphis, Tenn., "About Time," will be on display through Dec. 11 in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Gallery at the Itawamba Community College Fulton Campus. A reception is scheduled for 3-4:30 p.m. on the closing day.

Ortiz has always been interested in the human form. "Whether I am painting, drawing, printing or sculpting, the human figure is ever present in my work," he said. "I feel it is an instant invitation to the viewer. Although I don't consider myself a typical representational artist, I employ female and male forms to narrate and invite viewers to begin a dialogue with the works." He describes his present body of work as "heavy and psycholog-

ical. They incorporate drawing materials with toned and tented gesso on paper in order to address my concept," he said.

Ortiz grew up in Amory. He earned the bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and the master's degree from the University of

Mississippi, both in fine art.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays.

For more information, contact Shawn Whittington at (662) 862-8301 or email eswhittington@iccms.edu.



The work of Wesley Ortiz of Memphis, Tenn. will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery through Wednesday.

National Day on Writing: success!

NICHOLAS SCHROCK

Staff Writer

Students from five high schools in Itawamba Community College's district participated in Itawamba Community College's Day on Writing, Oct. 20, and organizers say it was "the biggest year yet."

The National Day on Writing is an event instituted by Congress, according to Anna Britt-Begnaud, Writing Center director and local organizer.

For the past three years, ICC has invited high school

students from Lee, Pontotoc, Itawamba, Monroe and Chickasaw counties to submit poetry, short stories, essays, drawings, paintings and sculptures for display in the Writing Center at the Fulton Campus.

The works are judged, and the top writers/drawers in every category are given prizes for participating.

Prizes include \$100, first place; \$50, runner-up; and journal/sketch book, honorable mention.

Winners include:

Short Story — Tucker

Robbins of Amory, first and honorable mention; Chassity Houston and Ben Harrel, runner-up; Kasa Galloway of Pontotoc, honorable mention; Kate Scaife of Amory, honorable mention;

Essay — Molly Chamblee of Pontotoc, first; Jay Patel of Pontotoc, runner-up; Lauren Koehler and Caleb Warren, both of Pontotoc, honorable mention;

Poetry — MarKeria White of Shannon, first; Skylar White of IAHS, runner-up; Jordan Roberts of Shannon, runner-up; Jade Merchant of

IAHS, honorable mention; Adam Parchman and Jalen Brim, both of Shannon, honorable mention; and

Art — John White of South Pontotoc, first; John Farley of IAHS, runner-up; Sierra Keith of South Pontotoc, runner-up; and Jasmyn Hall of South Pontotoc, honorable mention.

This year approximately 60 college students and 40 high school students submitted writings/drawings, according to Britt-Begnaud.

REVIEW

Mixed reviews for Cyrus's 'Bangerz'

"Bangerz" by Miley Cyrus

The old Disney actress Miley Cyrus played Hannah Montana, but now she's dumped the acting and grabbed a microphone.

So far, her musical career has marked her as this decade's icon.

Her new CD, "Bangerz," hit the stores Oct. 4 and made the

Billboard's Top 100 shortly after its release.

Today, almost every time you turn on the TV or radio, announcers are talking about her. She has performed at every award show this year, and all have been "out-of-the-ordinary."

Some comments focusing on her lifestyle and her influence



are negative while others

applaud her for expressing her broken heart and free life through such enjoyable songs.

Either way, the opinions make Miley Cyrus more famous every day.

The lead single from the album, "We Can't Stop," released June 3 is on the radio every day and is played in public places every night.

Her next hit single, "Wrecking Ball," grabbed attention as well with the video on Vivo receiving the most views in a 24-hour period. Rumor has it that it is the best break up album ever made. It will certainly be a difficult CD to top.

"Bangerz" includes 13 songs, and some feature Brittany Spears, Nelly and Future. It's available on iTunes for a small charge. — **Jordin Lamar, Editor**

BRIEFLY Speaking

Area legislators hear request for '15 appropriations

Adult learner incentive scholarship available

Adult learners who attend classes at ICC during the 2014 spring semester and who have not been enrolled in college for the previous two years have an opportunity until Jan. 13 to apply for a new incentive scholarship.

The scholarship is designed to provide an incentive for new or returning students, age 23 or older, not enrolled in college for the previous two years to enroll in classes and pursue a degree.

The scholarship provides half-tuition for one semester. Criteria for selection include Mississippi resident, enrollment in a minimum of six semester hours, meeting admission requirements and in good standing with ICC.

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded. The scholarship cannot be combined with other ICC institutional scholarships.

For more information, contact Will Bunch at (662) 862-8254 or email whbunch@iccms.edu.

Staff Reports

Legislators from Itawamba Community College's district gathered at a luncheon recently at the Belden Center to discuss the budget requests from the state two-year institutions for FY 2015, with community college officials.

Included in the request are \$86 million for mid-level funding, \$186 million in capital improvements and \$10.7 million to fund dropout recovery, which includes job training as part of the adult education program,



Left, Harold Plunkett, dean of Health Science Instruction at ICC, listens to a presentation presented by Dr. Eric Clark, executive director of the Mississippi Community College Board, at a recent luncheon for Legislators at ICC-Belden.

Emison, Guess selected to represent ICC at HEADWAE event

Staff Reports

Precision manufacturing and machining technology instructor Barry Emison and sophomore Sarah Guess of Hamilton have been selected as Itawamba Community College's HEADWAE representatives for 2013-14.

They are among honorees from 36 institutions of higher learning who will attend the Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence, Feb. 18, 2014, in Jackson.

The event was established by the Mississippi Legislature to honor academically-talented students and faculty members of the state's higher education institutions who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence.

On Appreciation Day, the honorees are invited to the State Capitol where they will be recognized in

each chamber of the Legislature and honored at a luncheon.

The goal of the event is to encourage excellence among those involved in higher education as a way to further leadership, increase knowledge across the broad spectrum of education and promote good citizens capable of thriving in today's society and prepared to meet future challenges."

Emison, who has been a member of the faculty at ICC for 18 years, earned the associate's degree in tool and die technology; the bachelor's degree in trade and technology from Mississippi State University and the master's

degree in higher education from the University of Mississippi. In addition, his background includes 11 years in manufacturing and eight years of military experience. Emison received the Meritorious Achievement award from ICC in 2008, the Award for Excellence in Vocational Education from the Mississippi Manufacturers Association and the Award for Excellence from ICC, both in 2010. He is an active member of SkillsUSA and the National Institute of Metalworking Skills.

Guess in majoring in pre-nursing at ICC, where her activities and honors include president of Phi Theta Kappa, member of the ICC All-American Band, resident assistant, president's list scholar and recipient of academic, band and leadership scholarships. She also is active in Big Brothers/Big Sisters and is a



S. Guess

member of the choir at New Salem Baptist Church. Guess is a 2012 graduate of Caledonia High School where her honors included highest honor graduate, Scholar, Hall of Fame, Freeman Scholarship recipient, Mississippi Link award and Special Honor Roll awards. Also in high school, Guess placed third in the state for shot put, was a nominee for the Screaming Eagle award and named all-district for basketball and all-state for band. She plans to transfer to Mississippi University for Women, where she will major in nursing. Her parents are Jeremy and Gina Guess.



B. Emison

REVIEWS

'Gravity' not usual rap album

"Gravity" by Lecrae Grammy award-winning Christian rapper, Lecrae, released his album, "Gravity," on Sept. 4 last year.

It features recordings from the 116 crew (James 1:16) and a few secular recording artists such as Big K.R.I.T., Mathai and Ashthon Jones.

"Gravity" is far from your average rap album that is filled with senseless and meaningless music.

It is filled with testimony (track 14), confession (track 9) and life beyond this world (track 2). Through this album, Lecrae is able to relate real life situations (track 3) to the human race and show anyone how they can overcome any trial with the help of Jesus Christ.

Born and raised in Houston, Tex., Lecrae grew up living the ram-bunctious lifestyle. Drugs and the lust for fast money controlled his lifestyle, but deep down he wanted something worth living for.

With time and the help of family and friends, Lecrae let go of the "sluggish" lifestyle and turned his life over to Christ.

Through his hardship, Lecrae is able to testify through his album "Gravity" and give hope to society.

"Gravity" has been well-received all of the world and won "Best Gospel Album" at the 2013 Grammy awards. —

Marcus Walker, Staff Writer

'Crickets' worth buying

"Crickets" by Joe Nichols Over the past few years, I have become quite a fan of country music. From Taylor Swift to Luke Bryan to Jake

Owen to Blake Shelton to Miranda Lambert to Carrie Underwood, Hunter Hayes and more, I have become obsessed with this type of music.

My favorite male country artist of all time is still Joe Nichols, who is the

performer of hit songs such as "Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off," "The Impossible," "Gimme That Girl" and recently, "Sunny and 75."

Nichols' album, "Crickets," is by far the best country album that I've heard recently, ranking with Taylor Swift's "Red" and Florida Georgia Line's "Here's to the Good Times." The 16-track CD is filled with the genuine and heartfelt country music that today's generation loves. The hit single from the album, "Sunny and 75," has flown up the country

charts and propelled Nichols to the top once again. My favorite songs of the album are "Just Let Me Fall In Love With You," "Hard to Be Cool," "Yeah," "Billy Graham's Bible," "Better Than Beautiful," "Sunny and

75," "Love Has A Way," "Smile On Mine," "Open Up a Can," "Old School Country Song" and "Crickets."

Whether someone has been a Joe Nichols fan for years or just became a fan when "Crickets" was released, all country fans will find something to appreciate in this album. It opens with a love ballad and closes with the song of the same name as the album. Nichols has definitely proven himself to the country music genre. It's a fresh sound from his past releases.

"Crickets" is one of those albums that makes you want to sit out on the bank of a creek, pop it



into your truck stereo and just tune out the rest of the world. Nichols mixes soft love ballads with the old-school rowdy we know and love to the more contemporary mainstream that has attracted new fans.

As mutual followers on Twitter, recently I expressed that I was a fan and that I love his music, not expecting a reply. However, just before my 21st birthday, I received an email of appreciation with an offer of a free meet and greet pass to an upcoming concert as a gift. So on Nov. 1, I had an opportunity to see Nichols perform in concert with Cassadee Pope and Ingram Hill in Memphis, Tenn. By far, it was the best birthday gift ever.

Overall, I give "Crickets" an A+ and rank it as Joe Nichols' best work yet. It was well worth the money spent...and it's worth your buying the CD, too.

— **Robert Sandlin, Staff Writer**

ICC Athletics on the Move

February
Spring Sports

Indians end season with playoff loss to Jones



ICC's LaDarrell Hunt grinds out yardage against Jones' defenders.

Staff Reports

Turnovers on four straight possessions to start the game helped the fourth-ranked Jones County Junior College Bobcats to build a big lead and cruise to a 49-21 victory over Itawamba Community College in the MACJC semifinals.

"We started bleeding too early and couldn't stop it," said ICC head football coach Jon Williams. "I thought (Jones') defensive staff did a great job of game planning us offensively and they didn't get (the turnovers) on accident. We didn't get the kind of start you need when you are playing a team like Jones County."

ICC moved the ball into Jones' territory on its first possession of the game, but Jamal Lucas turned the tables on the Indians when he stepped in front of a Griff Loftis' pass and returned it 87 yards for a touchdown.

Jones recovered a fumble near midfield on the Indians' next drive and quickly turned it into a three-yard scoring run by Justin Harris to go up 14-0 before Lucas picked another pass and returned it 53 yards for his second pic-six of the quarter.

The Bobcats' defense struck again when Charles Lewis returned a third interception 25 yards for a touchdown to take a 28-0 lead by the end of the quarter.

"At the end of the day they just outplayed us in the first half," Williams said. "It's about who blocks, who tackles and who creates more turnovers, and they did all three better."

Tobias Lofton got the Indians on the board on a one-yard touchdown run, and Jeff Johnson recovered a fumble in the end zone before Anfernee Brand scored on a 29-yard run, but seven turnovers were too much for the Indians to overcome as the Bobcats held on for the 49-21 win.

"I was proud of how our guys didn't lay down," Williams said. "A lot of teams would have just tried to get the game over with, but our guys didn't do that. They played and fought hard to the very end, but it just wasn't enough."

Chase Watson threw for a career-high 110 yards on 15-of-35 passing with two interceptions while Loftis went 4-of-12 for 81 yards and four interceptions. Jarvis Bentley caught seven passes for 88 yards.

Lofton rushed for 124 yards and one touchdown on 31 carries with Brand adding 40 yards on five carries to go along with his scoring run as the Indians had 362 yards on total offense (191 passing, 171 rushing).

The Indians finished the season 6-4 and 4-2 in the MACJC North and made the program's first playoff appearance since 2007.

"A lot of good things were accomplished by this group this season, and I hate the way it may be overshadowed by this game, but I'm very proud of each of these guys that have been a big part of turning things around for our football program over the past two years," Williams said.

Nine football Indians named to All-State teams

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College was represented with a total of nine football players named to the 2013 Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-State teams.

CJ Jackson of Water Valley, Darius White of Grenada, Archie Dennard of Hollandale, Tony Holmes of Gastonia, N.C. and Brandon Jones of Memphis, Tenn. were named first-team selections while JaNardeon Jones of Noxubee

County, Griff Loftis of Mooreville, Cameron Wiggins of Birmingham, Ala. and AJ Hunt of Saltillo earned second-team honors.

Jackson, a sophomore linebacker, led the team with 70 tackles with 22.5 tackles for loss, 5.5 sacks, three forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and two pass breakups. He finished the regular season second in the nation in tackles for loss after leading the nation in that category as a freshman.

White, a sophomore defensive back, finished

the season with 53 tackles with six interceptions and 10 pass breakups.

Dennard, a sophomore tight end, caught nine catches for 108 yards and two touchdowns.

Sophomores Holmes and Jones anchored an offensive line that helped the Indians' offense pile up 4,850 yards of total offense this season and finish the regular season as the No. 15 team in the nation in yards per game.

Jones, a freshman wide receiver, had 454 yards and two touch-

downs on 31 catches.

Loftis, a sophomore quarterback, passed for 2,256 yards and 15 touchdowns with 16 interceptions while rushing for 25 yards on 15 carries.

Wiggins, a sophomore defensive lineman, recorded 40 tackles with seven sacks, 17 tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and two blocked kicks.

Hunt, a freshman kick returner, had 15 kickoff returns for 452 yards (30.1 average) and 18 punt returns for 73 yards (4.1 average).

Softball team hopes to repeat title

JORDIN LAMAR
Editor

Last year's Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges North Division champions, the ICC Lady Indians softball team is preparing for its

2014 spring schedule, hoping to repeat that title.

Head softball coach Andy Kirk and assistant coach Cary Simmons have recruited a freshman class that they hope will lead the Lady Indians to another successful season.

The freshmen this year include Laken Shankle of Bruce; Haley Moore of Booneville; Cara Hopper of Caledonia; Arriann Henry of Ecu; Alyssa Bakos of Clarksville, Tenn.; Heather Dillard of New Albany;

Maddy Lukens of Saltillo; Hannah Johnson of Branson, Mo.; Hannah Parks and Porta Patterson, both of Corinth; Autumn Bonner of Fayette; and Ashley Langford of Columbus.

This fall the Lady Indians

have played several schools in scrimmages, including Mississippi State's Lady Bulldogs.

The Lady Indians' first game is Feb. 8 at Copiah-Lincoln Community College at 2 p.m.

Sports editor position open...email dsthomas@iccms.edu

BRIEFLY
Speaking

Soccer players
selected
All-State

Staff Reports

Four Itawamba Indians have been named to the All-State soccer team.

They include Piercen Burchfield of Pontotoc, Dylan Howard of Starkville, Ricky Hackler of Columbus and Joravar Malli of Tupelo.

“These guys did a lot to help contribute to the success of the team this year,” said Coach Mike Sullivan.

The Indians were the 2013 Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges North Division champions.

Joining the Indians who earned MACJC All-State honors is Lady Indian freshman midfielder Miranda Chapman of Saltillo. “Miranda was great for us all year,” said Coach Cody Carson. “She was the one that always created things and always seemed to be the one that would get our offense going this year.”

Chapman scored three goals and had one assist for seven points to help the Lady Indians finish 3-8-2 on the year.

Indians sophomore keeper Cullen Grantham of Corinth was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Region 23 team.

Loftis, Lofton
named to Academic
all-district team

Staff Reports

Griff Loftis of Mooreville and Tobias Lofton of Forest have been selected to the Capital One Academic All-District Team, composed of players from teams from NAIA, Canadian and two-year schools.

Lofton, a sophomore quarterback, has a 3.60 GPA as a secondary education major. He led the tea in passing with 2.356 yards on 173-of-301 passing with 15 touchdowns.

“It’s a great honor,” said Loftis. “Our coaches stress academics just as much as they do the athletic side of things. I’m really blessed to be part of a program that cares about not only preparing you to be your best on the field, but also be your best away from the game of football.”

Lofton, a sophomore running back, is a pre-med major with a 3.51 GPA. The Bennie Abram L.E.G.A.C.Y. award recipient rushed for a team-leading 613 yards and two touchdowns on 144 carries.

“I’m proud to have been selected for this honor,” said Lofton. “Our coaches remind us every day how taking care of business in the classroom will transition to how we take care of things on the football field. I’m proud to be able to represent ICC and my family through this award.”

With their selection to the All-District team, Loftis and Lofton are eligible for the Capital One Academic All-American teams, which are scheduled to be announced later this month.

They are among the first ICC student-athletes to earn the All-District honors.



LaToya Collins, left, puts up the shot with pressure from a defender. An Indian basketball goes for two points with a hand in his face.

Basketball season
under way

Staff Reports

ICC’s Indians and Lady Indians tipped off their basketball season at home on Nov. 4.

Scores and highlights include
INDIANS

November 4

Three Rivers, 77; ICC, 79

High scorers were Alex Anderson with 25 and Johnthan McGee with 22.

November 7

ICC, 69; Snead State, 67

High scorers were Alex Anderson with 18 and Lakee Westbrook with 14.

November 12

ICC, 90; Shelton State, 91

High scorers were Johnthan McGee with 25 and Tyron Wooten with 20.

November 14

ICC, 87; Jones County, 91

High scorers were Alex Anderson with 21 and Lakee Westbrook and Johnthan McGee, both with 15.

November 21

ICC, 80; Meridian, 93

High scorers were Johnthan McGee with 14 and Tyrone Wooten with 13.

December 2

Shelton State, 77; ICC, 69

High scorers were Alex Anderson with 15 and Johnthan McGee with 14.

LADY INDIANS

November 4

Three Rivers, 75; ICC, 89

High scorers were Jayla Chills with 21 and Leslie Robinson with 16.

November 7

ICC, 63; Snead State, 48

High scorers were Jayla Chills with 19 and Lytia Coleman with 13.

November 12

ICC, 66; Shelton State, 83

High scorers were Leslie Robinson with 12 and Latoya Collins with 11.

November 14

ICC, 68; Jones County, 66

High scorers were Latoya Collins with 18 and Lytia Coleman with 14.

November 21

ICC, 70; Meridian, 82

High scorers were Latoya Collins and Lytia Coleman, both with 11.

December 2

ICC, 66; Shelton State, 84

High scorers were Jayla Chills with 22 and Justice Martin with 10.



AT A GLANCE

Baseball

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
2-8	JC Calhoun	Home	Noon
2-9	Mineral Area	Home	Noon
2-18	Pearl River	Away	1 p.m.
	SW Tenn.	Away	4 p.m.
2-22	Lakeland III	Home	Noon
2-25	Calhoun Ala	Away	Noon
3-2	Rend Lake III	Home	1 p.m.
3-5	Jackson St.	Away	Noon
3-8	East Central	Away	2 p.m.
3-12	Jones	Away	2 p.m.
3-15	Northeast	Away	1 p.m.

Softball

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
2-8	Co-Lin	Away	2 p.m.
2-10	Hinds	Home	2 p.m.
2-13	Gadsden St.	Home	2 p.m.
2-18	Calhoun	Home	2 p.m.
2-20	Hinds	Away	1 p.m.
2-22	Northeast Tour	Away	TBA
2-24	Jackson St.	Home	2 p.m.
2-26	Jones	Away	2 p.m.
3-1	Northeast	Away	11 a.m.
3-4	Northwest	Home	2 p.m.
3-7	MS Delta	Away	1 p.m.

Basketball

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
12-9	Coahoma	Home	6/8
12-12	Meridian	Home	5:30/7:30
12-14	Snead State	Home	2/4
1-6	Jones	Home	5:30/7:30
1-9	Copiah-Lincoln	Home	5:30/7:30
1-13	Northwest	Away	5/7
1-16	Holmes	Home	6/8
1-21	East MIS	Home	6/8
1-23	MS Delta	Away	6/8
1-27	Three Rivers	Away	5/7

Christmas... Itawamba style



Clockwise, from top: President Mike Eaton wishes students a 'Merry Christmas;' Molly May sings at the tree-lighting last Wednesday night; Students who attend the tree lighting at the Crane Pavilion show their excitement; ICC's cheerleaders and their coach Dr. Bronson Prochaska pause after picking out and packing gifts for Operation Christmas Child; ICC's Early Educators Club and the Child Development Center partner with Miss ICC Makel Hutchins in a collection for LeBonheur; President Eaton, front, and Vice President of Student Services Buddy Collins, back, pose with Fulton Campus Student Government Association officers, who sponsored the tree lighting.



Tree lighting & sharing

